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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN - PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL OF  
AMERICAN FOLKLIFE

REF: (A) STATE 125127 (B) RIPLEY/GONZALEZ TELECON

1. PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY DILLON RIPLEY OF SMITHSONIAN THAT HIS MESSAGE CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR. ON THE BASIS OF EARLIER INQUIRIES FROM SMITHSONIAN TO USIS PANAMA, AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY MADE DISCREET INQUIRIES REGARDING POSSIBLE PANAMANIAN CANCELLATION OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. AMBASSADOR LEARNED THAT OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION THIS PARTICULAR PANAMANIAN GROUP EMANATES FROM HIGHEST LEVEL. APPARENTLY GROUP IS NOT CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIVE OF BEST IN PANAMANIAN FOLKLORE.

2. EMBASSY REALIZES PANAMANIAN GROUP MAY BE UNIQUELY RESPONSIVE TO THEME OF FESTIVAL, "OLD WAYS IN NEW WORLD," BUT CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE UNFEASIBLE, AND PROBABLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION BY GOP. MOREOVER, EMBASSY INTERVENTION MIGHT PREJUDICE PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL IN 1976.

3. WITH REGARD TO REQUEST FOR EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW CANCELLATION OF PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION WILL BE EXPLAINED TO MEDIA, WE RECOMMEND PANAMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BE CONSULTED SINCE REASONS CITED ABOVE OB-  
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